



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of: **NAKANO, Masakazu, et al.**

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Group Art Unit: **2874**

Examiner: **Sung H. Pak**

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**FOR: OPTICAL FIXED ATTENUATOR AND PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 30, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **September 13, 2005**, extended to **January 13, 2006** by a one-month Petition for Extension of Time, entry of the following amendments and remarks, further examination, and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.